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Scheduled official meetings

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Security Council

9.30 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Iraq

Other matters

10.30 a.m. . . . . 4841st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

   Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/973)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 16 October 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 14 October 2003, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 30th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 31st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Security Council (A/58/2) . . . . . [11]
2. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [56]

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62 to 80): *item 62* (A/58/202); *item 63* (A/58/128); *item 64* (A/58/29); *item 65*; *item 66*; *item 67*; *item 68*; *item 69*; *item 70* (A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part II)); *item 71*; *item 72*; *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/203, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.2); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259, A/58/316); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137 (Part II)); *item 77* (A/58/163); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2); *item 79* (A/58/385); and *item 80* (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3 and A/C.1/58/INF.1)

Speakers:

Cameroon

Croatia

Bahrain

Thailand

Togo

Congo

Morocco

Myanmar (on behalf of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Mali

Lesotho

Singapore

Gabon

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Cyprus

Cuba

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Effects of atomic radiation (A/58/46, A/C.4/58/L.5) . . . . . [81]

Conclusion of general debate

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.5

2. *Action on draft resolutions and draft decision relating to agenda items on decolonization (agenda items 19, 87, 88, 89 and 12, and 90)*

(a) Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations . . . . . [87]

Draft resolution I (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

(b) Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories . . . . . [88]

Draft resolution II (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations . . . . . [89]

Draft resolution III (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

(d) Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories . . . . . [90]

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.2

(e) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]

(i) Question of Western Sahara

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.4

(ii) Question of Gibraltar

Draft decision A/C.4/58/L.3

(iii) Question of New Caledonia

Draft resolution IV (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

(iv) Question of Tokelau

Draft resolution V (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

(v) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

Draft resolution VI (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 1

[1] Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (A/58/94-S/2003/642, A/58/131-S/2003/703) . . . . . [93]

(a) Women in development (A/58/135)

(b) Human resources development (A/58/348)

(c) International migration and development (A/58/98)

Operational activities for development . . . . . [97]

(a) Operational activities for development (A/58/168)

Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

3–6 p.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [105]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.9

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.7, A/C.3/58/L.8 and A/C.3/58/L.11

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [107]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.10

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/58/3[1], A/58/87-E/2003/82, A/58/125, A/58/131-S/2003/703, A/58/165, A/58/222, A/58/223, A/C.3/58/L.3, A/C.3/58/L.4, A/C.3/58/L.5 and A/C.3/58/L.6). . . . . [108]

   International drug control (A/58/3[1], A/58/124, A/58/131-S/2003/703 and A/58/253) [109]

   Continuation of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m . . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/58/11, A/58/63, A/56/767 and A/58/189) . . . . . [124]

Introduction and general discussion

2. Pattern of conferences (A/58/32, A/58/194, A/58/194/Corr.1, A/58/194/Corr.2, A/58/213, A/57/783, A/57/809, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.1) . . . . [125]

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/58/34, A/58/64, A/58/291, A/58/220 and A/58/343))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 129 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/58/34, A/58/64, A/58/291, A/58/220 and A/58/343));

Agenda item 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Joint Inspection Unit: common and joint services at Vienna (A/58/258, A/58/258/Add.1 and A/58/389));

Agenda item 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: report of the Joint Inspection Unit: United Nations revenue producing activities (A/57/707, A/57/707/Add.1, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)); and

Agenda item 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Joint Inspection Unit: reforming the field service category of personnel (A/57/78, A/58/78/Add.1 and A/57/434))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

Working Group on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session on budget issues

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations wishing to participate, including those already inscribed, in any of eight ministerial-level round tables, to be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe the name of the participating Minister or the Head of delegation on the list of participants in round tables on the following themes:

Round tables 1 and 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round tables 3 and 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round tables 5 and 6 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round tables 7 and 8 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system"*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables.

Inscriptions by institutional and non-institutional stakeholders

Each round table will also include the following accredited participants: 5 representatives of observers in the General Assembly, entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations other than observers; 3 representatives of civil society; and 3 representatives of the private sector. Their distribution in the round tables will follow the practice used in the International Conference on Financing for Development. For information and inscriptions, please contact the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd).

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 14 October 2003

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (agenda item 74 (e)) (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nepal)

9.45–10.15 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures (agenda item 73 (u)) (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

10–12 noon . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in armaments" (agenda item 73 (q)) (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10–10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Information meeting on the draft resolution entitled "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology" (agenda item 73 (l)) (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10.30–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (agenda item 108) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the global road safety crisis (organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman)

11 a.m.–12 noon. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Confidence-Building Measures in the regional and subregional context" (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction" (First Committee) (agenda item 73 (v)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Arab Group *(on First Committee matters)*

12.30–1.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultation on a draft resolution on international cooperation against the world drug problem (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Pacific Islands Forum: Working Group on Oceans

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(Third Committee experts: agenda item 113)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: draft resolution on microcredit)*

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committees matters)*

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 91 (g) and 12; and other matters)*

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: agenda item 105; and other matters)*

4.40–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

[1] Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Second Committee.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Promotion at a regional level of the United Nations programme of action on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Missions of France and the Netherlands)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Iceland)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and political participation" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Discussion on improving the effectiveness of the First Committee (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

Members of the Eastern European Group are invited to participate in a discussion on improving the effectiveness of the First Committee, organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, to be held *today*, 14 October 2003, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 14 October 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee (on the programme of work of the Committee)

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa (on the progress in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD))

12.30 p.m. . . . . Ms. Julia Taft, Assistant Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Director of the UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery; and Mr. Nicholas Krafft, World Bank Country Programme Coordinator for Iraq (on the United Nations/World Bank Joint Iraq Needs Assessment)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 15 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 32nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 33rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [39 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

(a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/254)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to programme 8 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (A/58/83)

(iii) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section B, programme 8; chapter IV, section B)

(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/352)

Main Committees

First Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Second Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Third Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3 p.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Morning[1] . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1] Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held as follows: Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; Thursday, 16 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and Friday, 17 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Briefing

A keynote address to the Second Committee delegates will be made by Mr. Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate and Professor of Economics and Finance, Columbia University, on "Prospects for Economic Growth and Future of Development Cooperation", on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will meet on Thursday, 16 October 2003, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 219th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Thursday, 16 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 11 a.m. in *Conference Room 9*, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Second United Nations Coordination Meeting on International Migration

The Second United Nations Coordination Meeting on International Migration, organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 15 and 16 October 2003, from *10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.* in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. An information note, programme of work and papers submitted are available on the following Web site: www.unpopulation.org. For further information, please contact the office of Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179).

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ***(at the ambassadorial level)***

There will be a meeting of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ***(at the ambassadorial level)*** on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, as follows: Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7; Thursday, 16 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and Friday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Open-ended informal consultations on "Small arms and light weapons" (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on "Small arms and light weapons" (First Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa, on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room E.

Panel discussion on "Capital Flows to Africa: Potentials for Financing New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

There will be a panel discussion on "Capital Flows to Africa: Potentials for Financing New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)", organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the *Trusteeship Council Chamber*. The panel will be co-moderated by Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, and Prof. Wiseman Nkuhlu, Chairman of the NEPAD Steering Committee. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (agenda item 105) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (agenda item 105), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Mason Group ***(on First Committee matters)***

There will be a meeting of the Mason Group ***(on First Committee matters)*** on Thursday, 16 October 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (agenda item 108) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (agenda item 108) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be held on Thursday, 16 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity

There will be a briefing, for all interested members of delegations and representatives of non-governmental organizations, by Dr. Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, on the latest developments on the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol (11 September 2003) and for an update on the preparations for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Malaysia, 9-20 February 2004) and on the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Malaysia, 23-27 February 2004). The briefing will be held on Thursday, 16 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Briefing by the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

There will be a briefing by the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for members of the Group of Interested States for the Special Court and other interested delegations, on Thursday, 16 October 2003, 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and political participation" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation", organized by the United States Mission, on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Briefing on UNCTAD new technical cooperation programme

The New York Office of UNCTAD will hold a briefing on its new technical cooperation programme on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

World Bank seminar on "A Dialogue on Development and Communication"

There will be a seminar on "A Dialogue on Development and Communication", organized by the World Bank, on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. A presentation will be made by Dr. Ian Goldin, Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of the Special Representative to the United Nations, World Bank (tel. 1 (212) 355-5112; fax 1 (212) 355-4523).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on 21 and 28 October 2003 from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

There will be an informal meeting on international cooperation in tax matters, organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 21 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 13 October 2003

Security Council

4840th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Letter dated 7 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/970)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/984, which had been prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2003/984) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/984) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1510 (2003).

Following the vote, the representative of France made a statement.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

28th-29th plenary meetings

The summary of the 28th and 29th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/198).

Main Committees

First Committee

7th meeting

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, Lebanon, Bangladesh, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Viet Nam, Myanmar, Nepal, the Sudan and the Eritrea.

Right of reply

In the exercise of the right of reply, the representatives of the Ethiopia, Eritrea and Yemen made statements.

The representative of Austria made a statement.

A statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

6th meeting

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to take action on the draft proposals relating to agenda items on decolonization at its morning meeting, the following day, Tuesday, 14 October.

Effects of atomic radiation . . . . . [81]

The representative of Brazil, as Chair of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR), introduced the report on the item (A/58/46).

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of Uruguay (on behalf of the member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile)), Lebanon, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate the same day, at 6 p.m.

Second Committee

8th meeting

Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin . . . . . [92]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Crime Conventions Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/125).

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries of Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, which aligned themselves to this statement), the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Norway, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Kenya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nicaragua, Pakistan, the United States, Indonesia, Israel and Lebanon.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Crime Conventions Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, responded to questions raised during the discussion.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 92.

Organization of work

The delegations were reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 92 was Tuesday, 14 October 2003, at 1 p.m.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Third Committee

9th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [108]

International drug control . . . . . [109]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Israel, the Republic of Korea, Turkey, Nepal, Nigeria, Australia, Malaysia, Slovenia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Colombia, China, Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Lebanon and Israel.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to adjourn all afternoon meetings at 4.30 p.m. during the observance of Ramadan.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda items 108 and 109 was Tuesday, 14 October, at 6 p.m.

Fifth Committee

4th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Sweden, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.2.

The representative of Saudi Arabia indicated a correction to the Arabic text.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Niger and the Central African Republic.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Arab Group) made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Pattern of conferences . . . . . [125]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Mr. Mohammad Tal, introduced the report of that Committee (A/58/32).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/194, A/58/194/Corr.1 and A/58/194/Corr.2, A/58/213, A/57/783, A/57/809).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the United States and Jamaica.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board
Fiftieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 13 October 2003

Sessional Committee II

1st–2nd meetings *Economic development in Africa: issues in Africa's trade performance* . . . . . [4]

The Chairman, Mr. Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed Lemine (Mauritania), opened the first meeting of Sessional Committee II.

Mr. Steinard Lindberg (Norway) was elected as Vice-Chairman-*cum*-Rapporteur.

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed the Committee.

The Special Coordinator for Africa introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Barbados (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries of Cyprus, the Czeck Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as the associated countries of Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, which aligned themselves with this statement), Nigeria, Mauritania, China, Japan, Ethiopia, Algeria, Switzerland, Uganda, United States and South Africa.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Accession: Kyrgyzstan (29 September 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Kyrgyzstan (29 September 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Brazil (13 October 2003)

Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Madrid, 13 September 1983

Ratification: Trinidad and Tobago (13 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Special ceremony on the occasion of 2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger"

FAO Goodwill Ambassadors

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will hold a press conference *today*, 14 October 2003, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to present its 2003 Goodwill Ambassadors, the Mexican Band Maná. The Director of the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations and members of the Band will shed light on their new role in the war against hunger. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Special ceremony

There will be a special ceremony on the occasion of the 2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger", organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on Friday 17 October 2003, at 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-6319).

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Water for Life: Fresh Perspectives on the World's Water Crisis". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 16 October 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing will feature Mr. Xolisa Mfundiso Mabhongo, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations; Ms. Marcia Brewster, Senior Economic Adviser, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and Mr. John Todd, Co-founder, Water Stewards Inc. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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